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MEMORANDUM:

STATE OF MAINE
The Adjutant General's Office
Augusta, May 7, 1917.

Subject: Attendance National Guard at Training Camps, May 15 to August 11, 1917.

The following from the Militia Bureau, War Department, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1. Enlisted men of the National Guard on the basis of twenty-five per regiment may be designated by State authorities to attend training camps May 15 to August 11, 1917, established under the provisions of Section 54, Act of June 3, 1916.

2. To supply the quota mentioned in preceding paragraph the commander of each regiment, separate battalion or separate company of Infantry, Cavalry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Engineers and Signal Corps of the National Guard not now in Federal service may recommend the number of enlisted men of his command for attendance at these training camps, as shown below.

Regiment (or 12 companies of Coast Artillery) 25 principals and 25 alternates.

There is no limitation as to the grade of the enlisted men selected. The War Department desires them to be older noncommissioned officers who will be of assistance in the instruction of other men, and who have the qualifications to become company commanders, but there is no assurance that they will be commissioned in that or any other grade.

In submitting a list of men recommended the commanding officer will certify (if the facts so warrant) that all men of the regiment (or other organization) were given an opportunity to apply and that the men selected are in his opinion the most suitable of all who applied.

3. Commanders of organizations not in Federal service will submit their recommendations direct to the State Adjutant General, who will forward them, with approval or disapproval, direct to the Department Commander. In case of disapproval by the State Adjutant General, the reasons in full will be given. Those selected must be between 20 9/12 and 44 years of age on May 15, 1917, and must have the qualifications mentioned in paragraph 57, Officers' Reserve Corps Regulations (Special Regulations No. 43). Copies of these regulations will be furnished and commanding officers are enjoined to familiarize themselves with paragraph 57 making their recommendations.

The best available material in the State should be selected. If in the opinion of the Adjutant General the best interests of the Officers' Reserve Corps will be served by doing so, he is authorized to substitute selected alternates of one organization for principals of another, but the total number for the State will not exceed the total authorized number of principals.

4. Those who enter the training camps will be required to enlist for three months and to agree to accept the commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps that may be offered them by the Secretary of War.

5. Discharges to be given under paragraph 1 above should be prepared by the proper officers, the date being left blank, and forwarded with a letter of explanation to the commanding officer of the training camp, to be dated and delivered to the men concerned after their enlistment for the training camp. The commanding officer of the camp will receive instructions to notify the State Adjutant General of the names of the men thus given their discharges and the date of each. In case a man for whom a discharge has been received fails to enlist for the camp, the discharge will be returned by the camp commander to the officer who forwarded it.

GEORGE McL. PRESSON,

The Adjutant General.

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